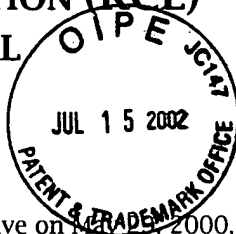


**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

BOX RCE
Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 1, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995



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| Application Number | 09/739,387 <i>10</i> |
| Confirmation Number | 3310 |
| Filing Date | December 19, 2000 <i>12/19/00</i> |
| First Named Inventor | Toshihiro UEHARA <i>3/10</i> |
| Group Art Unit | 1742 |
| Examiner Name | Sikyin Ip |
| Matter Number | Q62300 |
| Title | MARAGING STEEL HAVING HIGH FATIGUE STRENGTH AND MARAGING STEEL STRIP MADE OF SAME |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☒ Other Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ Months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name Keiko K. Takagi Registration No. 47,121

Signature *Keiko K. Takagi* Date July 15, 2002

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

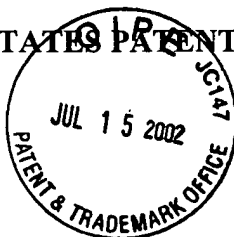
In re application of
Toshihiro UEHARA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/739,387

Confirmation No.: 3310

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Docket No: Q62300

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Sikyin Ip

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

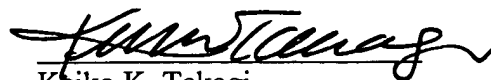
An Amendment is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified
application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | | | | | | |
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| All Claims | 29 | - | 20 | = | 9 | X | \$18.00 | = | \$162.00 |
| Independent | 4 | - | 3 | = | 1 | X | \$84.00 | = | \$84.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | = | \$246.00 |

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Respectfully submitted,

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